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OUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND
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INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY
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ALASKA VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG AND THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

"It is my great hope that through this partnership, Americans across the nation can experience our shared history through Alaska's veterans, and ensure that their stories are never forgotten."

- Congressman Don Young

(Below: Congressman Young discusses veterans issues with Alaskan veterans visiting Washington, D.C. as part of the Last Frontier Honor Flight.)





ABOUT THE VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

Through an Act of Congress, my colleagues and I created the Veterans History Project with the purpose of preserving American history by recording the oral histories of American veterans.

The Veterans History Project collects first-hand accounts of America's veterans through audio and video recordings and with collections of original photographs letters, and diaries. All interviews and donated items will be preserved for posterity by the Library of Congress.

These donated materials may become part of a future exhibition from the Library of Congress for visitors from around the world to see. In the coming months, my office will be reaching out to veterans across Alaska and recruiting those who wish to have their stories of service preserved in the Library of Congress for generations to come.

The sacrifices our heroes made for our freedom must never be forgotten, and if this project is to be successful, we will need all hands on deck to raise awareness to Alaska's 70,000 veterans.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

In the coming months, my office will be scheduling interviews with Alaska's veterans. The Library of Congress offers three ways to participate in the Veterans History Project:

- I) A veteran or Gold Star family member may participate in a 30 minute video interview with a member of my staff.
- 2) A veteran may also submit 20 or more pages of original, unpublished memoirs of their service.
- 3) Finally, a veteran may donate 10 or more original photographs, letters, or 2-dimensional works of art.

My staff will be scheduling interviews in my Anchorage and Fairbanks offices for the remainder of the year, and we would greatly appreciate your participation. If you, or a veteran you know are interested, please contact my office at:

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